

House Resolution No. 2928

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Arthur E. Cook of St. Joseph, Missouri, commemorated the truly incredible occasion of his One Hundred Eighth Birthday on May 4, 2003; and

Whereas, on May 4, 1895, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Arthur, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Arthur Cook made his formal debut in 1895 along with such notable people as former director of the FBI John Edgar Hoover, Baseball Hall of Fame member George Herman "Babe" Ruth, and silent screen actor Rudolph Valentino; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of remarkable progress, Arthur Cook was born the same year that the first professional football game was played in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Stephen Crane published The Red Badge of Courage, and American automotive pioneer Elwood Haynes became the first motorist to be issued a traffic ticket; and

Whereas, Arthur Cook has been an eyewitness to numerous national and international events, many of which are familiar to others only through the pages of history; and

Whereas, a member of the Governor's Century Club, Arthur Cook is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and very special birthday greetings to Arthur Cook at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Arthur Cook, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Rob Schaaf
District No. 28

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2928, adopted May 15, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker